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SUBJECT: FOREIGN GOLD COINS

1. SECTION 489 OF TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, PROHIBITS
THE IMPORTATION, MANUFACTURE OR POSSESSION OF ANY COIN
OR OTHER DEVICE IN SIMILITUDE TO ANY OF THE COINS OF THE
UNITED STATES, OR "...OF ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY ISSUED AS
MONEY...UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT..."

2. THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENTS OF JUSTICE AND TREASURY
HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED STATUTE IS
NOT APPLICABLE TO COUNTERFEITS OR REPRODUCTIONS OF COINS
THAT HAVE BEEN DEMONETIZED BY THE COUNTRY OF ISSUE. IF THE
COIN IS NOT CONSIDERED "LEGAL TENDER" OR REDEEMABLE BY THE
COUNTRY OF ISSUE, THE REPRODUCTION OR COUNTERFEITING OF
THAT COIN WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF 18 U.S.C.

489.

3. THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE IS SEEKING THE EMBASSY'S
ASSISTANCE IN THIS REGARD, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO
CERTAIN COUNTERFEITS AND REPRODUCTION OF FOREIGN GOLD
COINS. THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE
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FROM THE EMBASSY AS TO WHETHER THE HOST GOVERNMENT HAS

ISSUED ANY GOLD COINS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN DEMONETIZED AND

ARE CURRENTLY CONSIDERED "LEGAL TENDER" OR REDEEMABLE BY
THE COUNTRY OF ISSUE. IF ANY SUCH ISSUES EXIST, THE U.S.
SECRET SERVICE WOULD LIKE A DESCRIPTION OF THE COINS BY
DENOMINATION AND DATE. INGERSOLL

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